GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PASMINA SHAWLS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has challenged Indian Patent on Pasmina shawls being manufactured in Jammu & Kashmir ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a)&(b) : An opposition, on behalf of the President, Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, has been filed to the application for registration of Kashmir Pashmina as a Geographical Indication (GI) made by Craft Development Institute, Srinagar.

(c): The applications received for registration of Geographical Indications are dealt with as per the procedure prescribed under the Geographical Indications of Goods

(Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 which is a quasi-judicial process.